



*Town of Discovery Bay*  
*A California Community Services District*  
*"Friday Letter"*  
**To the Board of Directors**  
**October 16, 2015**

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

**General Manager/Administration:**

- ✓ Please plan on being available for the dedication of the new flag pole at Slifer Park on Veteran's Day, Wednesday November 11. Details to follow. Jack Dale, a local resident and Eagle Scout recently installed the new flag pole at Slifer last week as his Eagle Scout project. The pole is solar lit and it looks great at the Blue Star memorial.



- ✓ On a related but different topic, the Boy Scouts have historically used the holiday season to take discarded Christmas trees for a nominal fee and dispose of them for residents. Each year the Scouts have taken the trees to our Wastewater Treatment Plant #1, where they are then stacked for eventual chipping and used as mulch. Over the years, the number of trees has increased significantly and the amount of mulch that the Town uses is minimal. I'm happy to report that the Scouts will continue their long established tradition and will continue to pick up Christmas trees. However, instead of taking the trees to the Treatment plant DB Disposal has agreed to deliver 4 large roll-off containers to the north side of the Community Center parking lot where they will be collected and discarded. The entire

process should take two weeks from start to finish. I'm happy that we are able to continue to assist the Scouts with their largest fundraiser of the year by coming up with a plan that works for everyone!

- ✓ As you are aware, PG&E is doing gas pipeline work on both sides of Highway 4 next to the Sandy Cover Shopping Center. Part of the project includes dewatering due to the low water table. The amount of water that is being removed is fairly significant, and is being disposed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant #2. It is estimated that between fifteen and twenty 4,000 gallon truckloads will be delivered to the Plant on a daily basis. The Town is collecting \$.10/gallon, or \$400 per truck. It is anticipated that the deliveries will continue for the next 2 to 3 weeks.



- ✓ Last week's *Rocktoberfest* music festival at the Community Center was light on attendance, but for those that did attend, it was again a very nice event.





- ✓ As I noted previously, Ox Ditch #2 is currently out of service now that Ox Ditch #3 is operational. I'm happy to report that after a fairly thorough inspection, the amount of work needed to make necessary repairs will be in line with our budget estimate. This is good news since the ditch has been continuously in operation since 2002. Once the repairs are made, Ox Ditch #1 will go through a similar evaluation.
- ✓ In preparing for the pending El Nino event that is "likely" to occur this winter, I have scheduled a meeting for November 3 from 3-5 at the Community Center with the local HOA's in order to be able to work cooperatively during the rain event(s).
- ✓ As I noted a couple of weeks back, I reached out to the County and have encouraged them to inspect the storm drain system throughout town. As a portion of Discovery Bay is below sea level, blocked and flooded storm drains could pose significant issues if the historic rain event that is projected materializes later this year. The County has contacted me and are seeking to set up a meeting with the Town and Rec 800 on this subject. The time and dates are yet TBD.

### **Important Dates:**

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.
- Veteran's Day Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony, Slifer Park, Times TBD